

State of California

Respiratory Care Board



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Inquiry: We are looking at the possibility of having licensed respiratory therapists (RCP)

place and read skin tests, following a hospital policy and procedure, with a physician's order. These will include the use of Tuberculin Purified Derivative and any other solution ordered by the physician. Please provide us verification

that is indeed the scope of practice for an RCP.

Response: In response to your inquiry regarding the administration of TB Skin Tests, it is not

verbatim from the Respiratory Care Practice Act but, in the RCB's judgment,

highly inferred and allowed.

In response to reading TB Skin Tests, it is not verbatim from the Respiratory

Care Practice Act but, in the RCB's judgment, inferred and allowed.

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